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1. all military units stationed in Tirana and units of the formations located in the peripheral regions of Albania, participated in the review held in Tirana on the occasion of the celebration of Army Day.*

2. The following units and equipment were observed:

a. The infantry, which showed a martial and orderly bearing, displayed new uniforms. The unit arms and individual arms were all of uniform type and of Soviet manufacture.

b. The equipment of the artillery units was all of Soviet manufacture and included cannons of 122mm., 76mm. and 45mm. caliber, as well as mortars of 105mm. Some anti-tank and anti-aircraft artillery, self-propelled, of various calibers, also were paraded.

c. The tank regiment took part in the parade with formations of Soviet tanks of two types, 40 and approximately 16-18 tons.

d. Engineer units (sappers, bridgers, communications), and units of the DMP also paraded.

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